



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING, LIGHTING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Grantham (Chair), Councillor Phare, Councillor Mander
Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren,

1. Apologies: Councillor Wilcox, Clerk K Taylor [*Councillor Warren recorded the minutes*].

2. The Chairman opened the meeting at 20:25 and said that it would be recorded.

3. No members of the public were present.

4. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 November 2016 had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Bartlett seconded by Councillor Tobin and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

5. Progress reports for information

a) Village Hall Clock – The Chair advised members that he had attended a recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee and they had stated a wish to retain a clock on the Village Hall front. After detailed discussion of various options, it was proposed by Councillor Phare “Willand Parish Council will make an offer to the Village Hall Committee to provide and install a clock of the Committee’s choosing from a selection indicated by the Parish Council within a set price range. The clock would then become the property of the Village Hall Committee and they would be responsible for all future repairs and maintenance.” This was seconded by Councillor Sellick. There were no amended proposals and on a vote there were 6 votes FOR and 1 AGAINST. Councillor Bartlett offered to install the clock at no installation cost and members gratefully accepted the offer.

ACTION: Councillors Grantham & Bartlett

b) Play Area & Parish Field Leases – Councillor Warren advised that the Clerk had spoken to our solicitor who confirmed that the leases had been signed by both parties and were awaiting registration with the Land Registry. MDDC Councillor Evans was pursuing the legal costs issues with the Cabinet Member but still awaited a response. It was agreed to defer any further action until the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk for next agenda.

c) Community Payback – Councillor Warren update members on the latest work carried out by the group within the village and of the complimentary remarks received from various members of the public.

d) Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing – Councillor Warren reminded members of the generosity of two groups within the village and the kind offer of a local businessman to carry out a substantial portion of the installation work. DAAT had now received a substantial sum of money from Government as the result of bank labor fines and they had undertaken all installation costs which would mean that the Parish Council paid for the works which would be all undertaken by DAAT preferred contractor. WPC would then receive a refund of £2,700 toward the cost. Planning permission for the mast had now been granted. A provisional order had been placed to ensure that we had our name on one of the columns which were in short supply. A final quotation is awaited before an order can be placed.

ACTION: Clerk & Councillor Warren

6. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) Contracts for Grass & Hedge Cutting – Jubilee Parish Field. Tenders received were considered by members. The contract was to be for three years subject to conditions. Proposed by Councillor Sellick & seconded by Councillor Bartlett “The contract to be awarded to Countrywide Grounds Maintenance”. Unanimously agreed. Councillor Warren to advise those who had tendered of the result by telephone and the Clerk would confirm in writing on her return.

ACTION: Councillor Warren & Clerk.

b) Contract for Weed Spraying – The contract would be for two sprays and for one year only. Proposed by Councillor Sellick & seconded by Councillor Bartlett “The contract to be awarded to Countrywide Grounds Maintenance”. Unanimously agreed. Councillor Warren to advise those who had tendered of the result by telephone and the Clerk would confirm in writing on her return.

ACTION: Councillor Warren & Clerk.

c) DCC Highway Community Enhancement Fund – After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Grantham and seconded by Councillor Phare that WPC would not pursue this matter. Unanimously agree.

7. Cemetery Extension

Councillor Grantham reminded members of the need to give the land owner/user a one year notice of any intention to extend the Cemetery. He felt it could be done by the Clerk on her return. It was proposed by Councillor Phare and seconded by Councillor Mander “That the appropriate notice be served”.

ACTION: Clerk & Councillor Grantham

8. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Bartlett raised an instance of people removing bulbs from a verge to take home to their garden. Members were advised of the legal position and that the matter should be reported to the police if it warranted it. Councillor Warren would prepare a reminder article for the magazine.

ACTION: Councillor Warren

Councillor Tobin updated members on the issues surrounding the activities of the composting group and the potential problems over shredding.

Councillor Phare reminded members that PCSO Simms had removed from the area and that we now had a new PCSO. After discussion, it was agreed that the new PCSO should receive a formal invitation to attend our meetings and that a note of thanks be sent by email to PCSO Sims for his past services.

ACTION: Councillor Warren

Meeting closed: 2106 hours

Councillor Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee

23 February 2017